DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There have been press-reports about capability of main battle tank Arjun and fitment-mismatch of Kaveri engine for light combat aircraft. These were largely based on misinformation. However, no report has been seen regarding quality of Advanced Light Helicopter.

(b) and (c) The Governmeent has not come across any direct evidence to establish that misreporting in the press has been planted by our rivals in the world arms market.

Agitation by the Employees of CGHS

*78. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Central Government Health Services (CGHS) have been on an agitation since 1st November this year to press for their demands; and

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands and the measures taken to settle their demands?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir. However, they have postponed the strike from the evening of 15th November, 1995.

(b) The demands of the Association are as under:—

(1) Scrapping up of Staff Inspection Unit Report.

(2) Implementation of the agreement with Director General of Health Services, Government of India, dated 4-9-91.

(3) Settlement of problems of CGHS, Calcutta, for its smooth functioning.

(4) Encashment of washing allowance from Rs. 15/- to Rs. 60/- as done in the case of Central Government Hospital employees of Delhi.

(5) Removel of anomaly in the pay-scale of Homoeopathic Store-keeper and Homoeopathic Pharmacist.

The demand no. 4 has been met and orders issued. The position in respect of demand no. 3 has been explained to the representatives of the Association. The remaining demands are under active consideration of the Government.

Severe Post-Operative eye infection cases at AIIMS

*79. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the patients who developed severe post-operative eye infection at Rajendra Prasad Eye Centre of All India Institute of Medical Sciences a week ago have turned blind;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter; and

(d) if so, the findings and remedial measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) Out of 70 operations performed, 11 eyes developed post operative infection. In 8 cases, the infection was controlled. In 3 cases the infection could not be controlled and vision could not be restored.

(c) and (d) The matter has been thoroughly inquired into. The over-all anti-infective measures are being taken care of in adequate manner.